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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
37 C.F.R. § 1.125 SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION STATEMENT**

SIR:

Please amend the above-identified application before examination, as set forth below.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT:**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), a Substitute Specification (including the Abstract, but without claims) accompanies this response. It is respectfully requested that the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) be entered to replace the Specification of record.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

On the first page of the claims, first line, change "What is claimed is:" to:

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--What Is Claimed Is:--.

Please cancel original claims 1 to 16, without prejudice, in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/EP00/08233. Please also cancel, without prejudice, substitute claims 3-9 and 14-15 in the annex to the International Preliminary Examination Report.